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NSC BRIEFING

25 June 1964

CYPRUS (Long)

- I. Recent events Cyprus have revived traditional Greek-Turkish antagonisms.**
 - A. In Turkey demonstrations over Cyprus continue amidst rumors of troop movements.**
 - 1. Isolated incidents have occurred against Greek minorities in Istanbul and Izmir.**
 - 2. Sudden and unexplained increase in security measures in Izmir on 23 June combined with troop movements into city.**
 - 3. No evidence of troop movements toward Greek border but movement of US Army Attache in southern Turkey restricted until 1 July.**
 - B. Strong sentiment among Greek people for war with Turkey. Junior officers particularly bellicose.**
 - 1. Air force tightening alert status but hostilities improbable unless serious incident initiated by Turkey.**
 - 2. Premier and Foreign Minister favor dramatic moves, such as government resignation or gradual withdrawal from NATO, if new Cyprus moves unfavorable to Athens.**
 - 3. Greece emphasizing ties with Yugoslavia. Athens states obligations to Turkey under Balkan Pact no longer exist and that it does not intend to cooperate with Turkey in NATO.**

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II. Situation on Cyprus tense but relatively quiet.

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B. Some evidence NOKA will not initiate all-out violence in effort to assure early return of Makarios, promised as soon as violence ceases.

III. Greeks, Turks and Cypriots reject new British proposals for Cyprus.

- A. Athens opposes inclusion representatives Greece and Turkey on Governor's Council and other features "favoring partition". Urges new proposals. Would accept bi-lateral negotiations but not tri-partite conference. Opposition has castigated Karamanlis for "conciliatory" rejection.**
- B. Ankara opposes majority for Greeks on Governor's Council and failure provide for partition as final solution. But Ankara believes it possible to adjust British plan for partnership to provide partition. Favors tri-partite conference with British plan as one of several "conference papers" but not as basic "conference document".**
- C. Makarios rejects plan because it favors partition. Requests UK negotiate directly with Cypriots. Would accept transitional period of self-government.**
- D. London insists it will eventually push ahead implementing plan regardless of opposition; Governor Foot recommends delay.**

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1. Foot flew to London on Tuesday. Resides, advisor to
Meharion, flew to London same day.
2. Debate in Commons on new plan on Thursday. Labor Party
leaders plan to support plan with modifications.